

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of tracking medical or toxic waste comprising:
monitoring the movement of a first container having a wireless tracking device attached thereto from a waste generating facility to a waste treatment facility using the wireless tracking device.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
monitoring the return of the first container from the waste treatment facility to the waste generating facility with the wireless tracking device.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein monitoring comprises scanning the wireless tracking device with a handheld reader.
4. The method of claim 3, further comprising uploading tracking data to a monitoring station.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the medical waste is segregated according to type prior to putting it in the medical waste container.
6. The method of claim 5, further comprising weighing the first container with waste prior to treating the waste.
7. The method of claim 6, further comprising determining the amount of waste in the container.
8. The method of claim 7, further comprising calculating how much to charge a customer based on the type of waste and the weight of the waste.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising electronically billing the customer.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising supplying the customer with an invoice, the invoice including confirmation of the destruction of the waste and the amount of waste destroyed.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising supplying a second container having an wireless tracking device, the second container adapted to hold treated medical waste.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising tracking the second container to a landfill or recycling center.

13. The method of claim 12, further comprising supplying the customer with an invoice, the invoice including confirmation of the delivery of the waste to the landfill or recycling center.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the wireless tracking device operates at radio frequencies.

15. A system for tracking medical or toxic waste comprising:
a first container adapted to hold untreated medical waste, the container having a wireless tracking device attached thereto; and
a tracking station capable of monitoring the movement of the medical waste by tracking the wireless tracking device.

16. The system of claim 15, further comprising at least one handheld reader.

17. The system of claim 15, further comprising a satellite or cellular station.

18. The system of claim 17, further comprising a computer to track said container.

19. The system of claim 18, further comprising an apparatus for weighing the first container and untreated medical waste.

20. The system of claim 19, further comprising an apparatus for calculating how much to charge a customer based on the type of waste and the weight of the waste and for supplying the customer with an invoice, the invoice including confirmation of the destruction of the waste and the amount of waste destroyed.

21. The system of claim 20, further comprising a second container having an wireless tracking device, the second container adapted to hold treated medical waste.

22. The system of claim 21, wherein the wireless tracking operates at radio frequencies.